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Fauquier Fraud Investigation Leads to Arrest of Two New York Men in Stamford Connecticut

UPPERVILLE, VA – Deputies took a report of a scam in progress on Thursday, January 21, 2019. The victim, from Delaplane, reported she had received a phone call from someone purporting to be her grandson. The caller stated he had been in a car crash and needed money. The caller stated he suffered a broken nose and that is why his voice sounded different when questioned by the victim. The caller stated he was now in jail in Atlanta, Georgia.

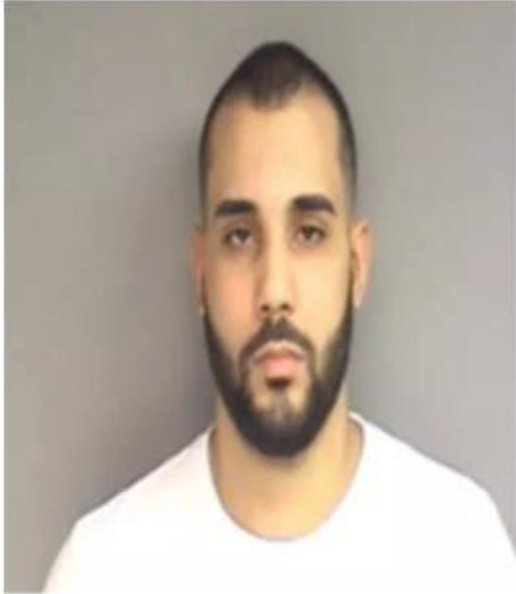
The victim then received another phone call from someone alleging to be from the local public defender's office and a "good faith deposit" of \$7500.00 was arranged to help the grandson. The arrangement included the overnight delivery by UPS of cash to an address in Brooklyn, NY. After sending the cash the victim received several more phone calls attempting to extort \$15,000.00 more in cash.

The victim advised she felt this may be a scam and called her grandson only to realize he was at home, not in Georgia, had not been in a car crash and was fine. The victim sent an email to Sheriff Mosier asking for help. <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2018/grandparent-scam-scenarios.html>

Detective Strick Payne assumed the investigation. By this time the victim had received requests to send \$15,000.00 to an address in Stamford, Connecticut. Det. Payne worked with the Stamford Police to organize the delivery of a package to this address. The package was stuffed with paper to resemble cash and overnighted to Connecticut.

Stamford Police notified Det. Payne on Saturday. According to Stamford Police two men in a van with New York tags met the UPS delivery driver and took possession of the package. As Stamford Police attempted stop the two men a pursuit ensued. Both men were eventually taken into custody. Both have been charged in Connecticut with attempted larceny and conspiracy related charges. They have since been released on \$100,000 bond. The investigation in Fauquier County continues. <https://fox61.com/2019/02/04/new-york-scammers-arrested-in-stamford/>

New York men arrested in Stamford scam investigation



Santos-Cruz left, Rivera right

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